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To whom it may concern:

I am writing to object to the practice of forced molting of hens on the grounds that it is inhumane and dangerous to consumers.

Putting warning labels on on egg cartons and regulating egg refrigeration temperatures is insufficient to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

You have the authority to do more than this token effort especially as molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the hens' immune systems.

The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Sincerely,

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